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The Honorable Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor of Missouri  
State Capitol Building, Room 216  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Nixon:

I am pleased to submit to you the 2008 Annual Report of the Missouri State Park Advisory Board. This report, pursuant to Executive Order 86-26, summarizes the major accomplishments for the Missouri state park system during calendar year 2008.

A major accomplishment in 2008 was the acquisition of 40 acres in Bates County associated with a significant Civil War milestone. The skirmish or "Battle of Island Mound" was the first time black soldiers engaged in combat during the Civil War.

Significant progress was made on the redevelopment of Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park following the settlement agreement with AmerenUE. Settlement funds also made it possible to move forward with the planning and development of the new state park on the Current River and the connection of Katy Trail State Park into the Kansas City area alongside the old Rock Island Railroad from Windsor to Pleasant Hill.

The department continued to receive favorable satisfaction ratings with the public with an overall visitor satisfaction at 99 percent.

The Missouri state park system has a long tradition of providing outstanding public service. Your continued interest and support in these efforts is appreciated. If you have any comments or questions, please contact me through the Department of Natural Resources' Division of State Parks at (573) 751-9392.

Sincerely,

MISSOURI STATE PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Max Nall  
Chairman

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# **2008 Annual Report of the Missouri State Park Advisory Board**

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## **Missouri State Park Advisory Board Record of Decisions for 2008**

**April 18, 2008**          Motion made to approve fee increase at Babler State Park to operate the outdoor education center. Motion carried.

**July 18, 2008**          Motion made to approve the 2009 request for park fee increases. Motion carried.

**October 17, 2008**      Motion made to approve the hunting schedule for the new Current River State Park. Motion carried.

**October 17, 2008**      Motion made to approve the 2009 request for concession fee increases. Motion carried.

**October 17, 2008**      Motion made to support the Department of Natural Resources' position that Shannon County's actions to create a road within Current River State Park is unauthorized and constitutes trespass on state property. Motion carried.

## 2008 Major Improvement Projects

During 2008, many significant improvement and construction projects were accomplished within the state park system. Many were visible to the public while others included infrastructure projects to help protect the environment and provide a better overall service to the public. The following are some of the major highlights.

**Roofs** were repaired and replaced on various group camp buildings, shelters, shops and storage areas in various parks and historic sites, including the group camp at Knob Noster State Park. Other specific projects included roofs on the Burfordville covered bridge, Bollinger mill, tobacco barn at Weston Bend State Park, structures at Current River State Park, Katy depot at Sedalia, and the CCC barn at Washington State Park.

**Remodeling and renovation** projects included the dining lodge at Thousand Hills State Park, cabins at Sam A. Baker and Thousand Hills state parks, concession building at Big Lake State Park, the office at Battle of Athens State Historic Site, and the Union Hotel at Jefferson Landing State Historic Site. An accessible ramp was constructed at Confederate Memorial State Historic Site and the residence at Rock Bridge Memorial State Park was remodeled into a park office.

**Campground** renovations included those at Table Rock and Bennett Spring state parks and Watkins Mill State Park and Historic Site.

A **pervious paver parking and turn-around area** was installed at Rock Bridge Memorial State Park; a new entrance turn-around area was constructed at Current River State Park; and a new entrance road was completed to provide safer access to the four-plex cabins at Roaring River State Park. Work began on a turn-around road at Ozark Caverns in Lake of the Ozarks State Park.

Projects to repair or replace water lines, **septic and sewer systems** at various parks and sites were completed. Design and construction was completed for a new water and sewer connection to the city of Eureka at Route 66 State Park. Work began on infrastructure repairs at Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park.

Construction began on a new marina store at **Long Branch State Park**. The store is scheduled to be completed for the 2009 summer recreation season.

At **Nathan Boone State Historic Site**, a plaster project was completed to restore the interior of the homestead using historically accurate plaster methods.

At **Roaring River State Park**, the project to repair and replace in a historically accurate manner the stone work and railings on the CCC spring spillway and hatchery walkways was completed

A new boardwalk staircase was built on Lakeside Trail at **Cuivre River State Park** to provide access to Lake Lincoln from the campground.

The city of Hermann completed a connector trail at McKittrick that allows **Katy Trail State Park** users to access the new Missouri River bridge leading into Hermann. A connector trail was completed between the trail and Missouri Research Park near Weldon Spring.

A section of the Braille Trail at **Elephant Rocks State Park** was widened and repaved. The changes, which improve accessibility on the trail, were partially funded by federal Recreational Trail Program grants.

On Island Trail at **Ha Ha Tonka State Park**, a new boardwalk and steps were constructed to Balanced Rock and a new footbridge was built over the mill race.

At **Ha Ha Tonka State Park**, a Springfield grotto donated materials and labor to assist with repairs that included removal of a wall and construction of a bat-friendly gate for River Cave. A portion of old stone wall into the entrance of the cave had fallen, allowing access to the cave.

A new storage and shop building were built at **Harry S Truman Birthplace State Historic Site**.

Old **wooden playgrounds** were replaced at Bennett Spring, Lake of the Ozarks, Lewis and Clark, Hawn and Washington state parks.

The design was completed and a construction contract was awarded for repair of the swimming pool at the outdoor education center at **Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park**.

The store at **Lake Wappapello State Park** was enlarged allowing more room for souvenir and camp commodities.

## State Historic Preservation Office

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) helps identify, evaluate and protect Missouri's cultural resources. Accomplishments in 2008 include the following:

**SHPO 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary --** At the November meeting of the Missouri Advisory Council for Historic Preservation, current and former staff members, past and present council members and preservationists from around the state attended a celebration to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office. Among the attendees at the celebration were Joe Jaeger, parks director when the program was created; Orville Henderson, first director of the program; and Booker Rucker, former program director.

**New Statewide Preservation Plan --** In 2008, Missouri engaged in a variety of efforts to revise and upgrade Missouri's statewide preservation plan. Public meetings were held throughout the state in the spring of 2008 to obtain public input on preservation priorities and on possible revisions to the existing plan. Surveys were sent to preservation partners to obtain additional input from stakeholders and input was also obtained from an on-line survey. The new plan was submitted to the National Park Service at the end of 2008.

**Missouri Tax Credits --** Missouri's 25 percent rehabilitation tax credit continued to be utilized in 2008. Since the bill was enacted in 1998, there has been a significant private investment in the state as a result of state credits. Last year, 337 projects were completed using the state credits and total private investment leveraged by the credits exceeded \$857 million. Since the program began 11 years ago, more than 1,482 buildings have been rehabilitated and the total invested in Missouri tax leveraged projects in the 11-year period exceeded \$4.1 billion.

**National Register of Historic Places --** Fueled largely by the historic preservation tax credits, the program continued to see increased activity in the National Register of Historic Places. Last year, 70 new listings were added to the register representing 1,803 individual properties. Staff prepared an in-house National Register district nomination for the city of La Plata.

**Inventory --** Work continued on efforts to scan and digitize the program's inventory records and files. A major focus has been the development and implementation of a Geographic Information System (GIS) layer for the storage of information related to cultural resources. This effort has increased the ability of agencies and planners to have information on sites early in the planning process, which is of tremendous benefit in carrying out the agency's Section 106 responsibilities. This has been a cooperative effort with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and several other agencies, such as the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

**Certified Local Governments Program -- The Certified Local Governments (CLG)** program continues to grow. Three new communities (Boonville, Cottleville and Warrensburg) were added, bringing the CLG total to 46 communities. The program continues to host training by way of the annual CLG Forum, which is held each year for local commissioners and staff.

**Native American Issues --** With assistance from the National Park Service through a NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act), SHPO hosted several follow-up meetings to the first Native American Workshop held in Springfield last year. These meetings brought several tribes that had been unable to attend the three-day meeting held last year. The program also partnered with the Missouri National Guard on a number of other tribal

meetings.

**Missouri Heritage Properties Program** -- The Missouri Heritage Properties Program is a new state initiative to provide funding to assist in the preservation of historically significant publicly owned buildings. The first two rounds of grants targeted historic courthouses. The first round of grants for \$500,000 went to 11 communities. The second round of grants for \$1 million went to 18 communities. Funds for the program come from the state's Non Resident Athletes and Entertainers Tax. Response to the program has been exceedingly positive.

## Awards and Recognitions in 2008

Many individuals and groups received awards or were recognized in some way during 2008.

Kenneth Jones, a park maintenance worker at Missouri Mines State Historic Site, was named the **Missouri Department of Natural Resources February 2008 Employee of the Month**.

Jim Gast, natural resource manager at Rock Bridge Memorial State Park, was named July 2008 **Employee of the Month** by the **Missouri Department of Natural Resources**.

Steven Almond and Ernest Libby, park maintenance workers in the Northern Parks District, were named October 2008 **Employees of the Month** by the **Missouri Department of Natural Resources**.

The Missouri Park Association (MPA) recognized five employees with **Employee of the Year Awards**: Danny Jaco, Lake Wappapello State Park, was the field employee; Laura Hendrickson, Pomme de Terre State Park, was the facility manager employee; Russell Burge, Big Lake State Park, was the maintenance/construction employee; Don Stier, Planning and Development Program, was the central office employee; and Larry Webb, Ha Ha Tonka State Park, was the interpretation employee.

Seven interpreters from the division were recognized for outstanding work at the **National Association for Interpretation** conference. Several of the awards were from 2006 but were just presented at this year's conference. The following received awards: Chandra Reiger, Prairie State Park, received the Richard Baldauf award for Outstanding New Interpreter for 2006. Cyndi Cogbill, Prairie State Park, was named Distinguished Professional Interpreter for 2006 and received the Bob Jennings Meritorious Service Award. Tiffani Martin, Onondaga Cave State Park, received the Outstanding Interpretive Site Publication award for 2006. Eugene Vale, Resource Management and Interpretation Program, received the Outstanding Interpretive Article award for 2006. George Kastler, Resource Management and Interpretation Program, received a Fellow and Lifetime Achievement award for 2006. Michelle Soenksen, Sam A. Baker State Park, received the Best Presentation at Workshop award for 2008.

The following individuals were honored with the department's **Division of State Parks Masterpiece Awards** in the year 2008. Spring awards were presented to the following: William "Bill" Shannon, Ha Ha Tonka State Park; Gary Parker, Big Lake State Park; Terry Cobb, Arrow Rock State Historic Site; Krista Kennon, St. Joe State Park; Art Hebrank, Chris Warren and Ann Hampton, Missouri Mines State Historic Site; Brick Autry, Fort Davidson State Historic Site; Ann Nickell, North Construction Unit; Brant Vollman, Heather Rudy and Amy Richards, Resource Management and Interpretation Program; Steve Hayden, State Park Ranger Program; Mike Marlar, volunteer at St. Joe State Park; and Kevin Bolling, Dusty Reid, Randall Norman, Lloyd Brotherton and Cheyne Matzenbacher, Roaring River State Park.

Fall Masterpiece Award winners follow: Dakota Russell, Dave Roggensees and Jim Peters, Nathan Boone Homestead State Historic Site; Ben Sapp, David Herigon, Jeffrey Crook, Archie Veers, Bradford Harrison, Branden Neer and Douglas Buie, Mark Twain State Park; Linda Zink and Tom LeRoy, Watkins Woolen Mill State Park and State Historic Site; Mark Bowers, Route 66 State Park; Donna Allen and Randy Quade, Bollinger Mill State Historic Site; Lee Haines and Chadd Thomas, Hunter-Dawson State Historic Site; Kevin Cheaney and Joe Trip, Fort Davidson State Historic Site; William Miller, Felix Vallé House State Historic Site; Larry Mayfield, Mike Morelock and Eric Bonnell, seasonal employees; Larry Bodine, Jane Lale



and Ralph Bray, Planning and Development Program; Connie Schmidt, Visitor and Facility Services Program; Sgt. Gabriel DuMond, State Park Ranger Program; Doug Rusk and Paul Jeffreys, Stockton State Park; John Cuning, Resource Management and Interpretation Program; Jim Warnol, Statewide Construction Crew; Rick Brown, Dillard Mill State Historic Site; Bruce Ketchum, Deutschheim State Historic Site; Kim Burfield, Ozarks District; Kyle Scott, Jimmy Rhodes, Perry Vaughn, Alex Frieden, Daryn Bowman, Debra Martin, Haley Eisenberg, Mindy Jennings and Lisa Cay, Wakonda State Park; Steve Almond and Ernie Libby, Northern Parks District; Danny Grant and Larry Owens, Aerial Crew; and Roger Boyd, Mike Saltzgaver, Joanne Bryant, Ronnie Harrison, Dason Justice, Matt Morrow, Michael Brennan, Curtis Jenkins, Doug Toops, Kelly Bryant, Burr Brown and Bonnie Ensminger, Battle of Athens State Historic Site; and Glenda Hicks and Brenda Sweaney, Bennett Spring State Park.

Bruce Schuette, Cuivre River State Park, received the **Conservation Award** from the **St. Louis Audubon Society** for his work at the park, including extensive prairie and woodland restoration, coordination of the park's wild area management and natural resource management plans, and the most detailed and comprehensive wildflower record of any state park.

## **2008 SUMMARY**

**Number of Sites:** 85 state parks and historic sites and the Roger Pryor Pioneer Backcountry

**Number of Acres:** 144,198 acres in parks and sites and 60,000 acres in Roger Pryor Pioneer Backcountry

**Visitation:** 15,676,557

**Employment:** 598.35 classified employees and 116.36 seasonals

### **Financial Information for Fiscal Year 2008**

- Total operation and capital improvement expenditures (less fringe benefits) \$39,237.783
- Revenues from operations - \$7,573,423
- Revenues from dedicated sales tax - \$42,034.846

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**DEC. 31, 2008**

**STATE PARKS – 50**

<b>STATE PARK</b>	<b>ACRES</b>
Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial	2,441.00
Sam A. Baker	5,323.62
Bennett Spring	3,216.74
Big Lake	407.41
Big Oak Tree	1,028.68
Big Sugar Creek	2,082.54
Castlewood	1,818.77
Crowder	1,912.10
Cuivre River	6,393.94
Current River	780.00
Elephant Rocks	133.75
Finger Lakes	1,128.69
Graham Cave	386.13
Grand Gulf	321.96
Ha Ha Tonka	3,709.74
Hawn	4,953.66
Johnson's Shut-Ins	8,646.51
Edward "Ted" and Pat Jones – Confluence Point	1,121.43
Katy Trail	2,936.61
Knob Noster	3,934.38
Lake of the Ozarks	17,626.55
Lake Wappapello	1,854.23
Lewis and Clark	189.13
Long Branch	1,828.47
Meramec	6,896.33
Montauk	2,920.12
Morris	161.22
Onondaga Cave	1,317.70
Pershing	3,776.37
Pomme de Terre	734.44
Prairie	3,942.00
Roaring River	4,293.38
Robertsville	1,224.65
Rock Bridge Memorial	2,272.83
Route 66	418.61
St. Francois	2,734.97
St. Joe	8,242.98
Stockton	2,175.90
Table Rock	356.03
Taum Sauk Mountain	7,501.09
Thousand Hills	3,079.70
Trail of Tears	3,415.39
Harry S Truman	1,440.00
Mark Twain	2,775.14
Van Meter	1,104.63
Wakonda	1,053.87
Wallace	501.61
Washington	2,157.57
Watkins Woolen Mill	876.22
Weston Bend	1,133.08
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>140,681.87</b>

**STATE HISTORIC SITES – 35**

<b>STATE HISTORIC SITE</b>	<b>ACRES</b>
Arrow Rock	167.39
Battle of Athens	408.50
Battle of Carthage	7.40
Battle of Lexington	92.57
Thomas Hart Benton Home and Studio	0.32
Bollinger Mill	43.00
Nathan Boone Homestead	400.20
Boone's Lick	51.17
Bothwell Lodge	246.91
Clark's Hill/Norton	13.40
Confederate Memorial	135.22
Deutschheim	0.69
Dillard Mill	131.77
Dunklin's Grave	1.37
First Missouri State Capitol	0.66
Fort Davidson	77.19
Hunter-Dawson	19.80
Iliniwek Village	127.49
Jefferson Landing	1.27
Jewell Cemetery	0.45
Scott Joplin House	3.90
Locust Creek Covered Bridge	32.22
Mastodon	431.14
Missouri Mines	25.00
Osage Village	100.00
Gen. John J. Pershing Boyhood Home	2.69
Sandy Creek Covered Bridge	205.78
Sappington Cemetery	2.00
Towosahgy	64.00
Harry S Truman Birthplace	2.51
Mark Twain Birthplace	13.00
Union Covered Bridge	1.24
Felix Vallé House	11.73
Watkins Woolen Mill	624.00
Island Mound	40.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>3,485.98</b>

**OTHER FACILITIES – 5**

<b>FACILITY</b>	<b>ACRES</b>
Brookfield District Office	7.46
Festus District Office	8.67
Lebanon District Office	10.00
Boonville District Office	2.06
Capitol Complex	2.27
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>30.46</b>

**SUBTOTAL 144,198.31**

Roger Pryor Pioneer Backcountry	60,000.00
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**TOTAL ACRES 204,198.31**